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1. THE TORNTO GLOBE AND MAIL JULY 25 IN AN EDITORIAL "THE
EGGS IN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY BASKETS" EXPRESSED SOME CYNICISM
OVER THE CSCE SIGNING IN GENEVA. THE PAPER WAS PLEASED THOUGH WITH
PROGRESS ON BASKET THREE "ANY AGREEMENTS WRITTEN INTO THE FINAL
DECLARATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE MODEST. BUT WHAT MAY BE MORE
SIGNIFICANT THAN ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENT IS THAT THE ISSUE OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WILL HAVE BEEN GIVEN FORMAL RECOGNITION
AS A MATTER APPROXIMATELY RAISED IN FUTURE EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS.
THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE FREEDOM OF SOVIET JEWS, FOR
EXAMPLE, TO EMIGRATE, MAY BE SIGNIFICANT.
"THE FINAL DECLARATION WILL HAVE NEITHER THE FORCE OF LAW NOR
THE BINDING EFFECT OF A TREATY. IT WILL BE ONLY A STATEMENT
OF INTENTIONS. YET THE SLOW STUBBORNESS OF THE NEGOTATIONS
SUGGESTS THAT THE PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZE THAT EVEN WITHOUT FORMAL
GUARANTEES SUCH A STATEMENT, MAKING ITS APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL
OPINION, WILL BE AT LEAST A MODEST REALITY TO BE RECKONED WITH."
ON THE SAME DAY THOUGH, THE OTTAWA CITIZEN FOUND THE CSCE CONFERENCE
TO BE A "MISNOMER". "THE CONFERENCE DID LITTLE TO PROMOTE SECURITY.
THAT WILL COME ONLY WHEN THERE IS SOME DISARMAMENT, AND WHEN
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RATHER THAN THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE.
"NOR DID THE CONFERENCE PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.
THE EXISTING COOPERATION IS THE PRODUCT OF BILATERAL CONTACTS. IT
WILL REMAIN LIMITED UNTIL THE TWO SIDES DECIDE THEIR FUTURE LIES
IN COOPERATION RATHER THAN SEEKING UNILATERAL GAINS AT THE OTHER'S
EXPENSE.
"THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION, ALONG WITH OTHERS, ARE STILL
EXPLODING NUCLEAR DEVVICES UNDERGROUND AND DEVELOPING BETTER WEAPONS.
THIS IS NOT THE STUFF REAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION IS MADE OF".
"THE WHOLE EXERCISE IS LARGELY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE: IT PROMOTES
THE ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE. THE DANGER IS THAT SUCH OUTWARD SYMBOLS
TEND TO BECOME A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REAL THING. TRUE DETENTE WILL
COME ONLY WHEN THE SUPER POWERS PLACE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORDER
ABOVE THEIR SELFISH INTERESTS- AND FOR THAT NO POWER SEEMS READY."

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